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SUBJ: QADHAFI COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT CARTER

1. IN COURSE OF TWO-HOUR SPEECH ON OCCASION OF 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE BETWEEN LIBYAN TRIBES AND ITALIANS AT GARADABIA (NEAR SIRTE) QADHAFI COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S RELATIONSHIP TO PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. HE WARNED THAT SOLUTION TO THE ARAB NATION'S PROBLEMS WAS NOT IN WASHINGTON NOR IN THE PERSON OF PRESIDENT CARTER. WASHINGTON ITSELF, ACCORDING TO QADHAFI, IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ZIONIST PRESENCE, CLASS DIFFERENCES AND THE POWER OF MONEY AND BANKS. THE ARAB NATION, HE SAID, MUST COME TOGETHER IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE STRENGTH NECESSARY FOR THE REALIZATION OF ITS GOALS.

2. AT SAME TIME, HE CONTINUED, IMPORTANCE OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED. "WE EXPECT MUCH GOOD FROM HIM NOT TO RESTORE PALESTINE TO US BUT TO ALLEVIATE TENSIONS AND ANTAGONISMS BETWEEN HIS PEOPLE AND THE OTHER PEOPLE OF THE EARTH." HE ADDED "WE BELIEVE THAT CARTER IS CAPABLE OF THIS IN VIEW OF HIS RELIGIOUS QUALITIES AND WE HAVE HEARD HIS SPEECH

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AT ONE OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES WHICH CONTRADICTS PREVIOUS AMERICAN POLICIES."

3. FURTHER ALONG IN SPEECH QADHAFI CLAIMED PRESIDENT CARTER HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE FACT THAT US ANTI-COMMUNISM HAD LED US TO SUPPORT MANY DICTATORIAL AND REACTIONARY REGIMES. QADHAFI HOPED THAT UNDER

PRESIDENT CARTER "AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD ABANDON
SUPPORT FOR SUCH REGIMES AND EXTEND HAND TO HONORABLE
REGIMES." QADHAFI CONCLUDED SURVEY OF US ACTIVITIES
BY NOTING THAT "WE WILL NOT ASK PRESIDENT CARTER TO
DO MORE THAN HE CAN AND WE WILL NOT REQUEST HIM TO
SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS BECAUSE THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IS A
CASE OF AN OCCUPIED NATION AND A SOLUTION LIES
IN THE HANDS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE."

4. QADHAFI'S REMARKS APPEAR TO BE ELABORATION OF WHAT
WAS PASSED TO ME BY UNDER SECRETARY HUSNI SHABAN DURING
JUNE 1 MEETING (TRIPOLI 722) AND MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO MY
OBSERVATION THAT I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING
ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS COLONEL MIGHT HAVE ON US POLICIES.
FROM DATE OF US ELECTION QADHAFI HAS DISPLAYED GREAT INTEREST
IN NEW ADMINISTRATION AND CONTINUES GIVE SIGNALS OF DESIRE FOR
CLOSE CONTACT WITH IT.
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